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Smallpox vaccinations ordered for military

Medical professionals, first responders, recommended to receive disease vaccinations

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced Dec. 13 that he has ordered smallpox vaccinations to begin for military personnel.

He also recommended medical personnel and first responders receive the vaccine, but on a voluntary basis. Administration officials stopped short of recommending widespread vaccinations of the American public.

"Men and women who could be on the frontlines of a biological attack must be protected," the president said during an afternoon press briefing in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

The president stressed his decision was not based on a specific threat, but on the renewed focus on security brought about by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and

the subsequent anthrax attacks through the mail.

"To protect our citizens in the aftermath of Sept. 11, we are evaluating old threats in a new light," he said.

Smallpox is highly contagious viral disease. It is often fatal and nearly always disfiguring. There is no cure or treatment.

The eradication of smallpox as a naturally occurring disease is one of the greatest triumphs of the World Health Organization. Bush noted the risk of smallpox was so remote by 1972 the United States quit routine vaccinations. The military continued vaccinating recruits until 1990.

A DOD release indicated the department will immunize personnel based on their occupational responsibilities, with emergency response teams and hospital and clinic workers receiving the vaccine first. Next will be those individuals with "critical mission capabilities."

The smallpox vaccine is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and is from the same stocks used before routine vaccinations stopped in the 1970s. Though the vaccine is considered safe and effective, vaccination is not without risks. Medical officials warn that there is a slight possibility of severe reactions for some people.

Public health officials warn pregnant women, individuals with weakened immune systems and those with certain skin disorders shouldn't receive the vaccine.

During his announcement, Bush said he'd be vaccinated because he wouldn't order military personnel to take anything he wasn't willing to take himself. However, he added, his family and staff would not be getting the vaccines because public health and national security experts are not recommending them for the general public.

"These vaccinations are a precaution only and not a response to any information concerning imminent danger," Bush said. "Given the current level of the threat, and the inherent health risks of the vaccine, we have decided not to initiate a broader vaccination program for all Americans at this time."

The president noted that the cautionary vaccinations are a necessary step to guard against possible threats to the nation. "It is prudent to prepare for the possibility that terrorists who kill indiscriminately would use disease as a weapon," he said.

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Canadian Forces 'Snowbirds' set to headline airshow April 26-27

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman
Public Affairs

For the first time since 1987, a military jet team will headline the annual airshow at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

Celebrating 100 years of flight, the Canadian Forces 'Snowbirds' will be the featured performer at the "Wings over Marietta Airshow," April 26-27.

"We're very excited to have the Snowbirds on the schedule," said Lt. Col. Richard Riddle, airshow coordinator. "The Canadian Air Force pilots and their nine aircraft put on an incredible show."

The Snowbirds were formed in 1971 and are based out of 15 Wing, Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan,

Canada. The demonstration team is made up of nine aircraft, the CT-114 "Tutor" painted in red and white with their distinctive logo painted in white on the bottom of the aircraft.



Courtesy photo

The Canadian Forces 'Snowbirds' fly in a nine-ship formation during a recent airshow.

Aircraft 8 and 9 are used for the solo maneuvers.

The demands of the show schedule are accomplished with 11 planes and pilots, ten technicians and three support staff.

Each member of the team is

assigned for a period of 2 years. Half of the flight team is changed each year. The team travels from location to location using eleven aircraft.

The team does not have a supporting transport aircraft but uses the Tutors to

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Guard soldiers to provide security at Air Force Bases

Guardsmen may be patrolling Dobbins by late spring

WASHINGTON — Mobilized Air Force Reserve Command security forces personnel may return home earlier than anticipated because of a memorandum of agreement signed by the Departments of the Air Force and Army.

Under the agreement, the Army will mobilize approximately 9,000 Army National Guard soldiers to augment security at 163 Air Force installations in the United States.

"We are leveraging all of our active and reserve assets, in the spirit of joint operations and interservice cooperation," said Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs. "Our intent is to reduce the burden on the Air Force security forces personnel, in particular those Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members who are serving into a second

year of mobilization. We believe this is a prudent and judicious use of our reserve component forces."

The Army will augment security to enhance force protection at stateside Air Force installations for up to two years while the Air Force phases in permanent solutions to address its long-term force protection needs.

Long-term solutions might include shifting military resources to stressed career fields, contracting security and making better use of technology, said Department of Defense officials.

National Guard soldiers mobilized for this mission can expect to be ordered to active duty for one year. Mobilization figures for both services will fluctuate in the upcoming months as the mobilization, transition and demobilizations occur.

Dobbins is one of the many installations that will be affected by this event.

"This activity is driven by fact that we know our activated security forces have to be demobilized; when that happens our ability to protect the base will decrease substantially," says Brig. Gen. William

Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander. "This alternative provides us with a stopgap measure while we finish the process of getting the funding to strengthen our security forces."

According to Kane the measure is an excellent example of how different services form partnerships to accomplish a common goal.

"This partnership with the Army will help the Air Force meet its security needs," said Kane. "We don't yet have the details ironed out how all of this will work, but I'm confident that the soldiers will do a fine job and that this event will be successful."

The Army will provide the guardsmen with familiarization training to ensure they are abreast of issues specific to Air Force installations. It is not determined as to whether Dobbins will provide additional training.

"They are going to receive some training, but I don't know whether we will require any extra training," said Kane. "We have to be flexible because each base is different and has its specific needs."



Photo by Senior Airman Micky Cordiola

Staff Sgt. James Mason and his partner Eddie, 94th Security Forces Squadron, may soon be heading back to their civilian jobs.

Air Force eliminates captain central selection boards for Reserve officers

WASHINGTON — The Air Force will eliminate captain central selection boards for active-duty, Guard and Reserve officers beginning in 2003.

The move will not only streamline the process for eligible first lieutenants — placing the decision point for promotion closer to those who know the officers best — but will benefit the Air Force in other ways as well, according to Col. Dale Vande Hey, director of personnel programs for the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"Aside from placing the promotion decision maker closer to the officer, it also saves the Air Force time, money and productivity by eliminating temporary duty trips for board members and preparation time at the centers," Vande Hey said.

Promotion decisions will now be made at the major command or equivalent level, Vande Hey said. Previously, active-duty captain selection boards were held at the AFPC, while Reserve and Guard captain selection boards were held at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

"With the possibility on each board to promote 100 percent of those eligible and with a historical 99 percent active-duty selection rate, it only seemed logical to make this change," Vande Hey said.

The 2002 National Defense Authorization Act permits the service secretaries to eliminate captain promotion boards when the promotion opportunity is 100 percent.

Despite the absence of a central review, individuals will still need to be "fully qualified" to be promoted.

This means everyone who is determined to be qualified can be promoted.

By comparison, promotion to the ranks of major through colonel are based on the "best qualified" criterion, meaning promotion board members rank-order qualified candidates by merit and only a pre-determined percentage of the total eligible are promoted.

First lieutenants meeting the time-in-grade and time-in-service requirements will be initially recommended as either "promote" or "do not promote" candidates. Members who receive a "do not promote" recommendation will be provided an opportunity to rebut that recommendation.

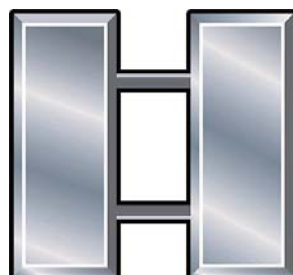
Recommendation to captain for active-duty officers will take place one year preceding the quarter in which an individual is eligible to pin on, which is based on the two-year date of rank anniversary.

Promotion recommendation lists are then compiled and certified quarterly at the major command level and forwarded to the AFPC.

Center officials then forward the list of recommended officers through the secretary of the Air Force for presidential approval.

Recommendation to captain for Reserve officers will take place twice a year, which parallels current board cycles. Guard captain recommendations will take place once a year, one year preceding the projected pin-on date.

For more information, active-duty officers should contact their local military personnel flights, and Reserve and Guard officers should call ARPC at (303) 676-6398 or 7193.



Base gets \$2 million to build new visitor's center

WASHINGTON - Eight Air Force Reserve Command unit locations are on tap to receive funds for major construction projects, alterations or additions as a result of the fiscal year 2003 Military Construction Appropriations Act.

President George W. Bush signed the \$10.5 billion Department of Defense military construction package, which includes \$67.2 million for AFRC.

In addition to tacking on another \$476,000 for planning and design and \$800,000 for minor construction projects, Congress inserted \$34 million for 11 more major projects.

The FY 2003 MILCON Appropriations Act provides the funds to carry out programs, but the National Defense Authorization Act allows DOD to spend the money.

Dobbins Air Reserve Base will get \$2 million dollars in a Defense Emergency Response Fund to build a visitor center.

Designs for the visitors center began in December, according to Hugh Phillips, 94th Civil Engineering Squadron base development programmer. The 94th Security Forces Squadron will continue to be consulted on design plans, said Phillips. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2003.

"A major part of design for the new visitors' center will be several antiterrorism features," Phillips explained. "The building will be farther back from the road; a change needed to improve security measures and one helpful to improve traffic flow."

Some other possible additions are an enclosed vehicle inspection area, a traffic arm and pop-up steel walls to stop vehicles instead of the concrete barriers.

Dobbins firefighters take top honors at AFRC competition

By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish
Public Affairs

The Dobbins Fire Department earned top honors at the 2002 Firefighter Skills Competition Championship at March Air Force Base recently. The Dobbins team bested seven teams in the Air Force Reserve Command on their way to victory.

Captain David Bible, Lt. Rob Burgard, Inspector Rodney Long and firefighters Tom Moody and John Meehling represented Dobbins in Southern California's hot, dry climate.

They were selected from 16 firefighters within the Dobbins Fire Department who competed for a place on the team.

The Firefighter Skills Competition consists of eight competitions designed to test the basic skills of firefighters in a competitive environment.

Each competition is a race against the clock.

"Every event is a team event," said Long. "There is no individuality involved. You start each event together and you have to finish together."

Teams are monitored by fire chiefs from the other seven departments who ensure firefighters aren't cutting corners or committing what would amount to safety violations.

Violations translate into seconds added to a team's time. The team with the fastest time wins the event.

"The major factor in every event is 'Old man Murphy,'" says Bible. "Skill plays into it, but mistakes are killers that you can't afford because the competition is so close."

Dobbins began preparing for the competition last May, first combing through the competition manual and then physically running through drills.

"These guys worked hard to prepare for the competition," said Chief Bill Hicks. "They came in on off days and weekends to practice. On days when they couldn't practice outside because of the weather they were in the gym working on their physical fitness and studying their manuals."

Dobbins became the first team to win on the road since 1994. Every year since then, the home team has kept the trophy. Dobbins last won the contest here in 1998.

"Before each contest you try to block everything out and meditate over it and run it through in your mind," said Meehling.

According to Long, the competition was organized and executed with the highest standards.

"I can't stress how well the competition was run," Long said. "They did an outstanding job setting up the event and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Even if we hadn't won we would have left feeling good about the contest and the way it was run."

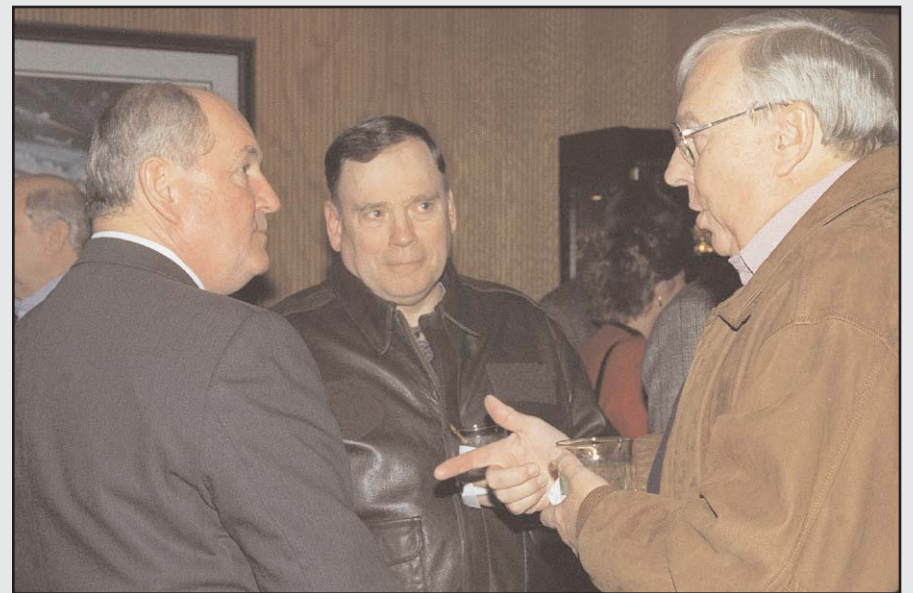


Photo by Don Peek

High-powered visit

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche, and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, talk with Georgia governor-elect Sonny Perdue during a dinner held at the Consolidated club. The top two officials in the Air Force were here for a visit to Lockheed.

New policy for travel vouchers

All Air Force government travel card holders can expect to be filing split disbursements on their travel vouchers starting in the spring of 2003.

The Air Force is making the current optional process mandatory to combat delinquent government travel card payments to Bank of America, which holds the government travel card contract.

It is expected that split disbursements will become mandatory during the April to June timeframe.

According to finance officials, using

the process is a simple, easy way to manage government travel cards.

Account holders select the option when filing their travel voucher and enter how much they want Bank of America to receive toward their bill.

The payment is sent directly from their finance office to Bank of America.

Air Force officials said split disbursements reduce operating costs and make it easier to avoid late fees and delinquencies.

(AFRC News Service)

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transport all personnel and equipment.

The additional aircraft are used as backups in case of problems with the primary aircraft. In all the years that the Snowbirds have been flying the team has never had to cancel a show due to mechanical problems, a testament to the people that support and maintain the aircraft.

In addition to the Snowbirds, the airshow committee has booked more than 15 flying performers, according to Riddle.

Military single-ship demonstrations plus civilian acts such as Sean Tucker, Eric Beard, Chuck Lisher and Ian Groom are committed to perform. So is the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation.

Air Force Reserve Command is even in the airshow business. They have sponsored the Smoke-n-Thunder jet car that also has committed to the show.

Also included in this year's show is a unique display of a red-tail P-51 Mustang, painted in the colors of aircraft flown by the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

"As part of 100 years of flight celebration, the airshow will honor the Tuskegee Airmen all weekend," explained Riddle. "We are absolutely jam packed with some of the top performers in the airshow industry. People that attend the airshow, will not be disappointed."

AFRC sponsors jet powered dragster

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Nov. 22 - The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service has teamed up with the "Smoke-N-Thunder" jet dragster and is scheduled to perform at 15 air shows nationwide during 2003.

Owned and operated by Scott and Linda Hammack of Corona, Calif., the dragster has been streaking down runways at speeds in excess of 350 mph for more than 20

years while maintaining a perfect safety record.

As the exclusive advertiser, the AFRC Recruiting Service hopes the jet car will not only entertain the crowds but also increase public awareness of the Air Force Reserve, said Chief Master Sgt. Eric Snipes, chief of AFRC Recruiting Service's advertising branch.

"We are very excited about this affiliation," Snipes said. "We believe this dragster will give our recruiting

force a unique identity at air shows and help attract potential recruits. The Reserve is looking for men and women with an interest in technology and mechanics."

Draped in a new patriotic paint scheme and sporting Air Force Reserve logos, the jet dragster will be known as the Air Force Reserve Above & Beyond Jet Car Show. (AFRC News Service)



The Air Force Reserve Above & Beyond Jet Car Show is teaming up with Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service in 2003 to perform at 15 air shows nationwide. The jet car can accelerate to speeds in excess of 350 mph within seven seconds.

Nature trail nears completion

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

At the turn of the century, part of Dobbins Air Reserve Base was covered with cotton fields. The fields were terraced as part of cultivation practices back then. Today, those terraces are still there and lay close to the Jonesville cemetery, a monument to the small community that was once a trolley stop between Atlanta and Marietta.

Near the cemetery, you'll find current habitants of the woods - the Pink Lady Slipper, a orchid-type flower from the Georgia Natural Heritage Special Plant list, and a variety of plant and wildlife species common to the wetlands of south Cobb County. All this, makes this part of Dobbins a nature lover's paradise.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis

Tech. Sgt. Wayne Jones, who is a civilian Environment Protection specialist at Dobbins, looks over the wood chips to be used for the new Dobbins ARB Nature Trail.

Coming soon, you'll be able to take a leisurely stroll down a six-foot wide nature trail and view these sights.

Thanks to the work and expertise of Tech. Sgt. Wayne Jones, the one-mile long trail is nearing completion. As a reservist Jones is a Disaster Response technician in the 94th Readiness office, but during the week he's using his skills as a civilian Environmental Protection specialist to bring the trail to the base.

"This trail is good for the base in a number of ways," said Jones. "Our people can use it as a way to enjoy nature, exercise, reduce stress and stay on base to do it all. It also makes a great statement for the base and the military. This is federal property and the trail is an indication that we care about land that has been entrusted to us. With the trail, we've improved the land and lived up to our responsibilities of stewardship."

Building trails isn't new for Jones. He's been in the business for 15 years working as an environmental protection specialist for the Navy, Marines and now Air Force. One of his main objectives in building trails is to use all natural or recycled products in their construction.

Dobbins' trail uses wood chips for pathways, recycled plastics and wood for flowerbeds and a bridge walkway, and leaves and rocks for other displays. The trail will also have informational signs, three picnic areas, and kiosks at both ends, all produced with recycled products.

"Our trail highlights the natural plant and tree species, and we'll have signs about the plants of interest and of significance to Georgia," explained Jones. "The trail passes by Little Lake where we'll point out the amphibians and reptiles that live there. We also have migratory and songbirds that frequent the area. I think if people just want to get out of the office for a while, the nature trail will bring them some peace and tranquility."

According to Jones, recent rains have delayed progress on the trail, but it doesn't bother him. "This is an ongoing project," added Jones, who also admits to being an avid lawn keeper. "We have long-term plans for maintaining and improving the trail and its surrounding nature." The trail begins behind Little Lake, which is off Atlantic Blvd, extends to Jonesville Cemetery and circles back to Little Lake. Parking is available at the start of the trail.

"This has always been a dream for Bruce Ramo," said Jones. "It was my job to initiate and now to complete the trail." Ramo is the base civil engineer and he and his team worked with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers to layout the trail.

Network protection begins with users

Compiled by Public Affairs

Information assurance is a day-to-day process to protect the information resources of the Department of Defense. Network users are responsible to protect not only the information on their computer, but the entire base's information as well.

The first line of defense for the network is the password, but a recent test of the system revealed vulnerabilities that have to be addressed.

"In December, the Air Force Information Warfare Center performed a scan of our network and the results were alarming," said Sandra Lee, 94th Airlift Wing Information Protection Office. "After scanning machines on the network, it was found that 18 percent of them had no passwords or easily guessed ones."

"The issue has been resolved," she added. "But it was worrisome to know that this condition had existed since the inception of our network."

Additionally, the AFIWC team also performed a spoof of the base Web site and was able to obtain user identification and passwords from several people.

Lee explained that one person providing this information is enough to allow a hacker to access the entire network.

"When you were granted access to the system, you were given a user identification and had to supply a password," she said. "People around you most likely know your user ID, however your password should not be available to anyone."

There is no official reason for anyone to ask for a password. The communication personnel that do system maintenance have adequate access to do so without anyone's password.

Lee cautioned that if a password is required for setting up programs on your system, you should put it in yourself.

"If you suspect your password has been compromised, you should change it immediately," Lee added. "You should guard your password with the same level of protection you provide when locking your doors at night, removing keys from your car and securing valuables."

Twenty-three airmen join Dobbins NCO ranks

By Senior Airman Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

Jerome Holloway II experienced one of the most important events in an enlisted person's life last month. He became a leader in the Air Force—he became a noncommissioned officer.

Holloway was among 23 new inductees into Air Force leadership. Master Sgt. Wayne Sanders, 94th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, led the NCO Induction Ceremony and welcomed

the senior airmen to the rank of staff sergeant at the Chapel during the December unit training assembly.

"Induction into the NCO ranks is a step forward in the career of enlisted members," said Sanders.

"The promotion separates them from the junior grades of the enlisted corps," Sanders added. "The NCO will always be the backbone of the Air Force."

Before presenting induction certificates to the new NCOs, Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing com-

mander, explained what the oath of service means to all service members and the reason the NCO induction is so important.

Kane told the inductees before administering their oath of service, "The induction is a visible affirmation of an NCO's role as a leader."

Holloway, a 94th Logistics Support Squadron vehicle operator and dispatcher, is one of those leaders.

"The ceremony was like joining the Air Force, my spirits were renewed and I

gained a new respect for the Armed Forces," he said.

Having served in the Army prior to the Air Force Reserve, Holloway believes he can add a unique perspective to his environment.

"I believe using common sense and having a strong work ethic makes the job easier," added Holloway. "Motivation is the key to getting the job done well."

Holloway said he recently attended NCO leadership school where he learned what he intends to promote on the job—teamwork and Esprit de Corps.

Smallpox vaccinations

Air Force schedule still in planning process

Innoculations will begin within next few months

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force members will soon begin receiving smallpox vaccinations, as directed by President Bush Dec. 13.

The president, citing an increased bioterrorism threat since Sept. 11, 2001, ordered military members and others in high-threat areas to receive the smallpox vaccination.

While Air Force plans for the vaccination schedule are still being worked out, the program's director said inoculations should begin in the next few months.

"We'll start as soon as possible," said Brig. Gen. Robert Smolen, director of nuclear and counterproliferation at the Pentagon. "I can't tell you if it'll be next week or 30 to 60 days, but it'll be somewhere in that timeframe, as opposed to six months or a year."

Smolen said inoculations will be given in phases, but will initially target the active-duty force.

One of the program's first goals is educating the force, Smolen said.

"(Smallpox) has been in the press for quite some time ... so we're just getting down to establishing the specifics,"

he said.

One specific item the program managers want to clarify is concern for the quality of the vaccine, and reports that it may have been diluted to "stretch" the supply.

"There is (currently) a limited supply of the vaccine the FDA has approved," said Lt. Col. (Dr) Kelly Woodward, chief of preventive medicine at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency. "(The vaccine) is currently licensed to be used full-strength, and that is how we will use it."

Because the World Health Organization declared that smallpox had been eradicated worldwide in 1980, the vaccine itself is several years old. But, Smolen said, that should actually be considered a benefit.

"I think we ought to take some comfort in that," he said. "While the vaccine may be old, this is (the) vaccine that has proven to be successful. The (supply) has been tested, and there's been no degradation to (quality)."

As successful as the vaccine has been in the past, Woodward points out that all inoculations involve some risk of side effect.



fever, headache and itching at the (injection) site. Those are minor reactions, and resolve on their own. They're not a big problem and are expected."

The smallpox vaccine is a "live-virus" vaccine that uses vaccinia virus; however, people cannot contract smallpox from the vaccine, Woodward said.

Since it is a live-virus vaccine there can be occasional "big problems," he said. One such problem, though extremely rare, is when the virus erupts widespread over the body, as opposed to staying limited to the vaccination site.

People who received the shots as children (the United States stopped its routine vaccination program in 1972) must still receive the inoculation.

"We know that, over time, the body's defenses against smallpox, that were gained through vaccination, decrease," Woodward said. "People, regardless if they've been vaccinated before, need to be re-vaccinated every 10 years."

"Smallpox vaccine has some well-recognized side effects," he said. "Many people can expect to have minor side effects such as feeling achy, low-grade

A potential benefit to those being re-vaccinated, Woodward said, is that the threat of serious side effects is lower than for those getting the shot for the first time.

A benefit to all who receive the vaccination, Smolen said, is peace of mind.

"Certainly, if (people who have been vaccinated) go into a high-threat environment, they'll feel much better ... than if they had no protection at all," he said.

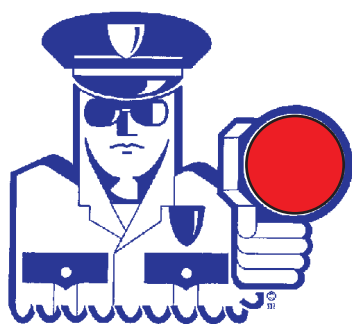
Even if no smallpox biological attack happens, the general said the vaccination program is well worth the effort.

"While there may never be an attack, it's still a prudent thing to do," he said. "We just can't afford to not do this. It's an insurance policy the president has decided we need to take out, and we always buy insurance in the hope that we'll never use it."

According to Smolen, people can help reduce the risk of side effects by knowing their own medical histories.

"There are people we will recommend not take the vaccination, for very good reason," he said. "It's a good idea for people to talk to their family members to get as complete a medical history as possible. The more complete a picture you have, the better medical decision can be made."

For more information, contact local military medical officials or visit the official Department of Defense smallpox vaccine Web site at www.vaccines.army.mil/smallpox.asp.



POLICE BLOTTER

The following events happened during December as reported by the 94th Security Forces Squadron:

Vehicle accident-A civilian was backing here vehicle at Gate 1, hitting one of the barriers and sustaining minor damage to the right-rear tail light.

AWOL soldier-Customer service notified the law enforcement desk of an Army troop that was listed as Absent Without Leave. The Ft. McPherson law enforcement desk was contacted. Ft. McPherson officials asked that the subject be released and advised to drive himself to Ft. McPherson.

Exchange shoplifter-An Army Air Force Exchange Service security officer witnessed through video surveillance, a suspect rip a page from a magazine and place in her pocket. Police units were dispatched. Cobb County police were notified and the suspect was released to their sponsor.

Fake identification-A male attempted to gain entry to Dobbins Air Reserve Base with a fraudulent Immigration Identification Card. Police units were dispatched and Cobb County police were notified. The suspect was taken in to custody and transported to the Cobb County jail.

Stolen purse-A woman called the law enforcement desk to report that her wallet was allegedly stolen at the Consolidated

Club. The woman stated that she placed her wallet on the table and stepped away. When she returned, the wallet was gone. A statement of complaint was filed.

Alarm activation at Bldg. 554-All gates were notified to close outbound traffic and patrols were dispatched to set up a defensive perimeter around the area. Contact was made with building custodian who stated the alarm was caused because the operator forgot his pass code. The custodian was instructed to exit the building with proper identification.

Suspicious letter-A suspicious letter was reported at Bldg. 827. Fire department and 94th Civil Engineering Squadron explosive ordnance disposal personnel were dispatched. The package was x-rayed and tested for contamination. All tests were negative. The letter was turned over to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Suspicious persons-The law enforcement desk was notified about three people walking through the woods near Gate 3. Police units were dispatched. An area search was conducted with negative results. Units discovered that two trees had fallen on the perimeter fence line south of Gate-3. The units reported that it appeared the trees had been cut.

Around the Wing ————— Top-Three Connection —————



By Lt. Col. Walt Koelln
94th Operations Group
Deputy Commander

Dobbins Air Reserve Base is unique and I'm excited to be working alongside the reservists here.

As deputy commander of the 94th Operations Group, I've been given a great opportunity. Not only do I have the chance to assist in leading a great group of people, but also I get to help in the operation of the Reserve operated C-130 schoolhouse.

Training the C-130 crews of the future is important. Here at Dobbins, we have the advantage of having older, more experienced crewmembers on the base. Those veteran instructors have a wealth of knowledge the new crewmembers can really take advantage of.

Many of the things a pilot learns through trial and error can be eliminated with the help of our more experienced faculty.

The Dobbins C-130 schoolhouse is yet another example of how reservists are bridging the gap between the active-

duty Air Force and the Air Force Reserve. Many of the programs offered in active duty are now available in the Reserve.

We're becoming a more effective component of the total military spectrum. Working with the only C-130 schoolhouse in the Reserve is not only unique-- it's historic.

The average active duty member is around 25 years old, while the average reserve member is approximately 35.

What the Reserve may lack in youth and vigor, we gain in experience and efficiency.

I've been told the wing transition to a schoolhouse has been bumpy, but in my short time here I haven't witnessed any of that. I've only seen professionalism and dedication from all those involved.

In order to maximize our strengths as an organization, communication is paramount.

To that effect, I'm instituting an open door policy. I want to be fully engaged in the squadron's activities and look forward to interacting with the service members of the operations group and the rest of the wing.

One of my personal goals is to become a liaison between the Wing Staff and the Squadron. I feel that by increasing the already high level of communication, the schoolhouse can produce a better product for the Air Force.

A new year, a new job, a new base, and new students, what more could one ask for?

Together, let's raise the bar to new heights, and continue set to standards of excellence for others to follow.



By Chief Master Sgt. Les Davy
22nd Air Force
Life Support Superintendent
Dobbins Chiefs Group president

This month the Dobbins Chiefs Group is officially inducting four new chiefs into the rank of chief master sergeant.

This is our second induction ceremony, and I think it says a lot about the enlisted pride at our base and the accomplishments of not only our group, but of all of our enlisted organizations.

Chiefs represent the top level of the enlisted ranks in the Air Force, and we've been organized here at Dobbins since the mid 90s.

As a group, we've used our years of experience and our insight to promote Air Force values and make a difference in the lives of our enlisted members.

I've seen first-hand the difference our group has made in improving the quality of life for reservists. Making sure one of our own is taken care of during the holidays or when an event that promotes our values needs funding, we're there. Those are among our contributions to making the base better. We're not the only enlisted organization working to make a difference.

Several years ago, the Dobbins Top Three Association was formed and hit the ground running.

The group represents a good portion of our enlisted members and their involvement is enough to carry a base project or activity, such as the Jonesville Cemetery project.

The Combat Dining In in April is sure to set a standard for the base as well. A good thing about the Top Three is that they are our future chiefs. The foundations they establish today, they can build upon as chiefs in the future.

The group that probably knows more about what's going on out here than anyone is our First Sergeants Association. They've been instrumental in the past 18 months in recognizing our newly named staff sergeants as they enter the NCO ranks.

Last month's NCO Induction Ceremony was the best yet, and I congratulate Master Sgt. Wayne Sanders and all of our base first sergeants who've taken this ceremony from its beginnings and added more meaning.

That's only the tip of the iceberg. They do much more as part of their jobs. Educational opportunities, career growth, counseling is all in a day's work for our first shirts.

We're not through yet. The chiefs, Top Three members and our first sergeants are looking to form an organization of staff and technical sergeants. Some call it a 56 Club.

Such an organization is not only going to develop an avenue of communication from our junior NCOs to our commanders, it's also going to complete the entire breath of organization and feedback for enlisted leaders at Dobbins.

Yes, I look forward to the Chiefs Induction Ceremony and I can't help but take a little pride in what we're all about and what we work for as enlisted members of the Air Force Reserve.

From our chiefs to our junior NCOs, we're establishing a network of leadership and camaraderie that's going to make us a better Air Force.



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Dinner theater

Come enjoy great entertainment and good food at the Consolidated Club. "A Gentlemen and a Scoundrel" is scheduled to show on Mar. 28. Tickets go on sale Mar. 4 at 9 a.m. for \$25. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

Valentines Day dinner

Dinner for two includes Chateau Briand, stuffed potatoes, vegetables and dessert scheduled for Feb. 14 for \$49.95. Reservations are mandatory. Call the club 678-655-4594 to make reservation.

Membership appreciation

Make your plans now to join the Consolidated Club on Feb. 1. Members enjoy a delicious complimentary meal between 6 - 8 p.m. As always, nonmember reservists who are eligible for membership are welcome to join us for a \$5 entrance fee. Arrive on time, seating is first-come first-served. Attendance limited to one member plus one significant other. This is an adult event and is limited to individuals eighteen years of age or older. Everyone is invited!

New at the Consolidated Club

We've gone digital in the lounge at the Consolidated Club! It's out with the old jukebox and in with a new "state of the art" digital jukebox. This jukebox is connected with the internet and has thousands of great selections at great prices. We also have a new Mega Force game. Challenge yourself and your friends to new and different games.

Racquetball Challenge

Starting Jan. 2 the Dobbins Fitness Center will host a month-long racquetball tournament. Play at your own pace and set your own schedule. For more information, please call 678-655-4872.

Fun run

Spring into March with our Fitness Center Fun Run. Join us on Mar. 12 at 11:30 a.m. for a 2.2 mile run through the great outdoors. There will be a party certificate for the fastest runner and prizes for all participants.

Valentine's day

"Won't you be my Valentine?" Tired of fighting through crowds and paying more for this special occasion? Look no further, come to the Creation Shop inside Bldg. 558 (Rental Center) and shop to your heart's delight. We offer an assortment of Valentine bouquets including bears, candy, balloons and silk flowers. Prices start at \$ 7.50.

Advanced reservations are highly recommended. To place an order, please call the creation shop at 678-655-5717. Delivery is free on base.

Softball season

Attention all softball players and coaches! Morale, Welfare and Recreation

is looking forward to an exciting spring softball season. Our mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Mar. 26 at 5 p.m. in Bldg. 558 (Rental Center). Rosters need to be presented at the time of the meeting. The season will begin Apr. 2 and end around May 29. Tournament games are scheduled for June 4. All games will be played at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The league is open to all military, DOD civilians and family members (age 18 or older). All participants must have their identification card. Call 678-655-4872 for more information and registration procedures.

Professional basketball

Join 94th Services Squadron for a fun-filled night at the Philips Arena watching the Hawks play the Indiana Pacers on Mar. 22. Package includes transportation from Dobbins, game ticket and a Chick-fil-A combo meal for only \$30 per person. Space is limited so sign up soon. Deadline for sign-up is Feb. 21.

Ski trip

For all ski and snowboard enthusiasts, Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a ski trip to the Cataloochee Ski Area in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina on Feb. 7. The bus or van will leave equipment rental at 6 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. A 10-person minimum is required for the trip, so sign up early. Fees, which include transportation and lift tickets, are \$24.00 if you bring your own equipment or \$35.00 if you rent equipment (there are free lessons for those who rent). Fees are due at sign up.

Combat Dining In

Mark your calendars for some after-hours fun on Apr. 5, for the first Combat

New Services commander



Photo by Don Peek

Maj. Charles Saunders is the new commander of the 94th Services Squadron.

Dining In at Dobbins ARB.

Hosted by the Dobbins Top Three Association, a Combat Dining In is similar in formalities as a regular Dining In; however, the environment is tactical, the dress is battle dress uniform, and the challenges are different. Watch base bulletin boards and check the *Minuteman* for more information.

Force protection AFI change

Air Force Instruction 31-210 has changed and is now superseded by AFI 10-245. The new antiterrorism force protection awareness program places increased emphasis on level one training. Regulations now require mandatory antiterrorism and force training for all Department of Defense personnel working

on Air Force installations including long-term contractors.

Prior to deploying, personnel are now required to receive antiterrorism briefings within 90 days of departure. Each unit's force protection representative conducts all training at the wing level. "Each unit has a force protection representative who can provide individuals with the proper training," said Master Sgt. Elaine Bowman, Force Protection NCO, for the 94th Airlift Wing security forces. "Individuals who have not received this training need to seek out their unit representatives to get the training."

Airmen who have questions about the force protection program can contact Bowman at 678-655-4138.

2003 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

	Years of Service														
	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-7	828.12	866.56	884.40	898.56	924.12	949.44	978.72	1007.92	1037.20	1129.16	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1206.84	1212.92
O-6	613.76	674.28	718.52	718.52	721.28	752.16	756.28	756.28	799.28	875.24	919.84	964.44	989.80	1015.48	1065.32
O-5	511.68	576.40	616.32	623.80	648.64	663.60	696.36	720.40	751.40	798.92	821.56	843.88	869.28	869.28	869.28
O-4	441.48	511.04	545.16	552.76	584.40	618.36	660.60	693.52	716.36	729.48	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12
O-3	388.16	440.04	474.96	517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48
O-2	335.36	381.96	439.92	454.76	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16	464.16
O-1	291.16	303.00	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24	366.24
O-3E				517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	640.84	654.80	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92	673.92
O-2E				454.76	464.16	478.92	503.84	523.12	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48	537.48
O-1E				366.24	391.16	405.60	420.36	434.88	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76
E-9							475.24	486.00	499.60	515.60	531.64	557.44	579.24	600.84	634.32
E-8						396.72	408.16	418.84	431.68	445.60	470.68	483.40	505.00	517.00	546.56
E-7	275.80	301.04	312.52	323.76	335.52	355.72	367.12	378.44	398.72	408.84	418.48	424.36	444.20	457.04	489.52
E-6	236.08	259.68	271.16	282.28	293.88	320.12	330.32	341.64	351.56	355.08	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28
E-5	216.72	231.16	242.32	253.80	271.60	286.92	298.24	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44
E-4	200.36	210.64	222.04	233.24	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20
E-3	180.92	192.28	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84
E-2	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00
E-1>4	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44
E-1 with less than 4 months:	141.96														

Reservists will receive a drill-pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization

Service honors fallen 22nd AF member

A memorial service honoring Master Sgt. David Kane was held at the Dobbins ARB chapel on Dec. 8. Kane, an air reserve technician with the 22nd Air Force was the Senior Aircraft Maintenance Data Systems Analyst for the 22nd Air Force Logistics Division. Kane passed away on Oct. 28.

Kane served four years on active duty before being assigned to the 94th Airlift Wing as an air reserve techni-

cian. After 22 years of distinctive service he was reassigned to the 22nd Air Force where he served before his death.

An avid golfer, Kane was actively involved many golf associations and clubs in the Metro-Atlanta area. He was a member of the Dobbins Top Three Association and was active in the American Legion Post 29 and the Elks Lodge.

Holiday gifts for veterans



Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Scott, Transportation Proficiency Center, packs items that were delivered to veteran's at the Atlanta Veteran's Administration Hospital.

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Newly Assigned

- Lt. Col. Walther Koelln
- Maj. Jonathan D. Miche
- Maj. Brian C. Farrell
- Capt. Robert M. Rodgers
- Capt. Mark P. Lewandowski
- Capt. Joseph G. Saulsbury II
- Capt. Chan B. Ice
- Master Sgt. Peter C. Lasavage
- Tech. Sgt. William C. Bearden
- Tech. Sgt. Gail P. Stecker
- Staff Sgt. Michael J. Manion
- Staff Sgt. Billy Z. Styles
- Staff Sgt. Darlene M. Harris
- Senior Airman Torre T. Poole
- Senior Airman Latonya N. Williamson

Military and Family Resources

- Family Support Center 678-655-5004
www.afrc.af.mil
- Customer Service 678-655-4880
- Base Legal 678-655-5199
- Travel and Pay 678-655-3515
www.dfas.mil
- TriCare 800-333-5331
www.tricare.osd.mil
- ESGR 800-336-4590
www.esgr.org
- Air Force Online News
www.af.mil/newspaper
- Army/Air Force Exchange Service
www.aafes.com
- NAS Atlanta FSC
www.nasatlanta.navy.mil
- Guide to Reserve family member benefits
www.army.mil/usar/benefits/benebroch.html

UTA Schedule of Events

Saturday			Sunday		
Activity	Time	Location	Activity	Time	Location
Open Ranks	7-8:30 a.m.	Unit assigned	Open Ranks	6:45 - 7:30 a.m.	Unit assigned
Wing Element Staff Mtg.	7:30-8 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202	Physical exams (Aircrew)	7:30 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Newcomers Intro	7:30-9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR	94 AW/M16 AFQC (SFS)	7:30 a.m.	CA Range
94 AW/M9 AFQC (SFS)	8 a.m.	CA Range	Awards and decorations board	8 a.m.	Bldg 838/Rm TBD
94 AW/M-16SR AFQC	8 a.m.	CA Range	Physical Exams (non-Aircrew)	8 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Occupational physicals	8 - 11 a.m.	Navy Clinic	In house 3S0X1 Tng (DPMT)	8 - 9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
Restricted Area Badges	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Bldg. 701/Rm 112	Immunizations (94 ASTS)	8 - 11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Mammograms (94 ASTS)	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Navy Clinic	Restricted Area Badges	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Bldg. 701/Rm 112
Newcomer Orientation	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Bldg 838/Rm 1202	Mask Fit (CEX)	8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322
NBCWD (Refresher) (CEX)	9 - 11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322	HRDC Meeting	9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
OJT Managers Mtg. (DPMT)	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304	Family Support Unit POC mtg	9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2313
Quarterly PCIII workers group	10 - 11 a.m.	Bldg. 827/Rm 208B	Stan Eval Board (Ops)	9 a.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
First Sergeant's Group Mtg.	11 a.m. - noon	Bldg. 838/94th MSS	Training Review Panel	9 a.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
Occupational physicals	1 p.m.	Navy Clinic	Yellow Fever Shots (94 ASTS)	9 - 10 a.m.	Navy Clinic
CDC Exams	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304	Chief's Group Mtg	9 - 10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
NBCWD (Refresher) (CEX)	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322	IG Complaints	10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2105
94 AW Commander's Call	2 p.m.	Bldg. Bay 3	Enlisted Advisor Council Tng	10 - 10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
Deployment outprocessing	3 - 4 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406	30-day Record Review	10 - 11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
Deployment Mgrs Mtg (XP)	4 p.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR	Commanders working lunch	11:30 a.m.	COM (Marietta Rm)
Retreat (Unit: 94 OG/OSF)	4 p.m.	Bldg. 922/Front	Immunizations	1 - 3 p.m.	Navy Clinic
			Flying Safety	1 - 2 p.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
			Qtrly Supervisor Safety Tng	1:15 - 2 p.m.	Bldg. 744
			Sign out	4 p.m.	Unit